sections was 12.0, 12.3, and 12.3, above the average for the sections. The mean for the state was 12.2 above the average for January; maximum, 75, at Hanging Rock, 12th; minimum, 0.7, at Wauseon, 22d; greatest daily range, 49.3 at Toledo, 13th; least daily range, 2 at Columbus, 27th, Nam Alanada,

Hanging Rock, 12th; minimum, 0.7, at Wauseon, 22d; greatest daily range, 49.3, at Toledo, 13th; least daily range, 3, at Columbus, 27th, New Alexandria, 6th, and Cleveland, 7th.

Precipitation.—The precipitation in the northern, middle, and southern sections was 1.22, 1.77, and 1.98 above the average for the sections. The mean for the state was the heaviest rainfall on record for January, and 1.66 above the average; the greatest monthly, 8.33, at West Milan, is the largest rainfall ever reported from a station of the bureau for January.—Prof. B. F. Thomas, Columbus, director; Lieut. Charles E. Kilbourne, secretary; C. M. Strong, Corporal. Signal Corps. assistant. Corporal, Signal Corps, assistant.

OREGON.

The month was remarkable or its general low temperature, and western

Oregon for its excessive precipitation.

Temperature.—The mean temperature was 5.9 below the normal, the departures ranging from 3.3, at Albany, to 8.8, at The Dalles. Highest monthly mean, 38.9, at Gardiner; lowest monthly mean, 15.8, at North Powder; maximum, 60, at Pendleton, 29th; minimum, —24, at Jordan Valley, 7th.

Precipitation.—The average precipitation was 1.75 above the normal. It

was greatly in excess in western Oregon, and slightly deficient in the eastern portion of the state; greatest, 21.86, at Gardiner; least, 1.13. at Heppner. The snowfall was unusually heavy—over six feet falling in Columbia county.

Generally in western Oregon, save on the coast, from one to six feet fell.

Wind.—Prevailing direction, southwest.—Hon. H. E. Hayes, Master State
Grange, Oswego, director; B. S. Pague, Sergeant, Signal Corps, assistant.

Temperature.—The mean temperature for the state was about 11 above the normal, which makes this the warmest January since 1880; greatest local monthly range, 67, at Blue Knob; least local monthly range, 46, at Annville, Catawissa, and Myerstown; greatest daily range, 44, at Chambersburgh, 12th; least daily range, 2, at Tipton, 7th; maximum, 77, at Coatsville, 12th; minimum, —2, at Blue Knob, 22d.

Precipitation.—The average was about 0.30 below the normal. The western part of the state received an average and the action portion a deficiency.

part of the state received an excess, and the eastern portion a deficiency; greatest monthly, 6.87, at Clarion; least monthly, 1.47, at Bloomfield.

Wind .- Prevailing directions, west and northwest .- Under direction of the

Franklin Institute, Philadelphia; T. F. Townsend, Sergeant, Signal Corps. assistant.

assistant.

Temperature.—Highest monthly mean, 59.4, at Charleston; lowest monthly mean, 49.7, at Spartanburgh; maximum, 81, at Conway, 8th; minimum, 17, at Spartanburgh, 18th; greatest local monthly range, 62, at Spartanburgh; least local monthly range, 38, at Port Royal.

Precipitation.—Greatest monthly, 2.75, at Walhalla; least monthly, 0.28, at Port Royal.—Hon. A. P. Butler, Columbia, director; J. W. Cronk, Private, Signal Corns. assistant.

Signal Corps, assistant.

TENNESSEE.

The month was in many respects rather a phenomenal one. The high temperature during the first half, the mild weather during almost the entire month, the abnormal rainfall, the prevailing high winds, and the large percentage of cloudiness, all combined to render it a remarkable and very disagreeable month.

Temperature.—The mean temperature was 13 above the average for the past seven years; highest monthly mean, 53.4, at Cog Hill; lowest monthly mean, 46.1, at Rugby; maximum, 79, at Woodstock, 11th, and at Memphis, 12th; minimum, 16, at Rugby, 7th; this was the highest January minimum during the past seven years

Precipitation. - Greatest monthly, 10.70, at Bolivar: least monthly, 2.90, at

Greeneville.

Wind.—Prevailing direction, south.—J. D. Plunket, M. D., Nashville, director; H. C. Bate, Signal Corps, assistant.

TEXAS. TEXAS.

Temperature.—The abnormally high temperature of the two preceding months continued during January; a cold wave passed over the state during the 16th. The average temperature was considerably above the property the state of the country and the state of the country and the state of the country and the state of greatest departure was near the coast, where it was 12; from the coast it

greatest departure was near the coast, where it was 12; from the coast it gradually decreased northward to the Panhandle, where it was 8. The mean temperature ranged from 38, at Hartley, to 69, at Brownsville; maximum, 84, at College Station, 29th, and at Gallinas, 31st; minimum, 2, at Hartley, 21st. Precipitation.—The precipitation varied from 2.00 to 10.00 east of the ninety-eighth meridian, which is slightly in excess of the normal; between the ninety-eighth and one hundredth meridians the amount was less than fifty per cent. of the January normal, while west of this it ranged from 0.50 to 1.00, which is slightly in excess of the normal.—D. D. Bryan, Galveston, director; I. M. Cline, Sergeant, Signal Corps, assistant.

## NOTES AND EXTRACTS.

## COMPARISON OF ANEMOMETERS. [By Assistant Professor C. F. MARVIN.]

In the Monthly Weather Review for February, 1889, a brief account was given of experiments made upon a large whirling apparatus to determine the proper formula to be used with the Signal Service anemometer in order to

accurately compute wind velocity.

With the very satisfactory results thus obtained from the whirling machine experiments as a basis for subsequent comparisons, it has been found that ane-mometers of different dimensions when exposed to the same wind do not give even approximately the same wind velocity. A brief study of this question was made about a year ago and the conclusion reached that anemometers havwas made about a year ago and the conclusion reached that amendments and ing cups and arms of relatively considerable weight did not follow closely the sudden fluctuations of ordinary winds, and, in consequence, had a tendency to indicate too high a wind movement. More extended observation, involving the comparison of a much greater variety of anemometers, has shown that this peculiarity is not confined to heavy cups alone, but is exhibited by others as well.

Starting with accurate whirling machine experiments, the results obtained show that of anemometers exposed to the same wind those whose cups and arms are of slender proportions indicate a higher velocity than that shown by anemometers whose cups and arms are of compact proportions. The terms by anemometers whose cups and arms are of compact proportions. slender and compact, in this connection, refer to the relation existing between the diameter of the cups and the length of the arms. Anemometers whose arms from the axis to the centres of the cups are nearly two or more times the diameter of the cups are considered as being of slender proportions, while those whose arms have a length only a little greater or even less than the diameter of the cups are said to be of compact proportions.

While the differences in the velocities indicated by the various anemometers may arise from the circumstance that on the whirling machine the anemometer is in motion while in the open air the air is, itself, in motion, yet such is not believed to be the case, but rather that the result is brought about by the gusty

and violently fluctuating character of open air winds.

From a study of many detailed facts derived not only from open air comrrom a study or many detailed tacts derived not only from open air comparisons, but also from whirling machine experiments, it is considered that, of the two classes, the anemometer of compact proportions indicates more nearly the actual wind movement. As the regular Signal Service anemometer is of comparatively slender proportions, it is therefore necessary to change, to some extent, the constants found from the whirling machine experiments, so that the indications of the anemometer in the gusty and fluctuating winds of the open air may be more nearly correct.

Notwithstanding that comparisons have been in progress for several weeks, yet there are so many disturbing elements entering into accurate investigation of this kind and the more or less complete elimination of which is of importance that, being obliged, also, to depend upon the weather for the range

of velocities desired, it is found the data is still insufficient in some respects. However, the observations have been reduced and the constants of the Signal Service anemometer computed.

In attempting to compute corrections that may be used to reduce the wind velocities heretofore observed by the Signal Service to more accurate values, one is at once confronted by the most serious difficulties in that the highest velocities at which accurate experiments have been made are far below many of the observed velocities. Owing, moreover, to the very imperfect knowledge of a correct dynamic theory for the Robinson anemometer, the empirical of a correct dynamic theory for the Robinson anenometer, the empirical formulæ ordinarily used cannot be depended upon for correct values for velocities beyond the experimental values. This fact is very evident from an inspection of the results given in the table below, which contains values deduced from different formulæ, commonly used by meteorologists in this con-The formulæ used are as follows, and apply to the Signal Service

nection. The formulæ used are as follows, and apply to the Signal Service anemometer having cups 4 inches in diameter on arms 6.72 inches long:

(a) V = 3 v. Robinson formula.

(b) V = .225 + 3.143 v - .0362 v (whirling machine).

(c) V = .263 + 2.953 v - .0407 v, (b) reduced to open air.

(d) V = .466 + 2.525 v.

(e) log. V = .509 - .9012, log. v.

V is velocity of wind in miles per hour; v is velocity of centres of cups in miles per hour. miles per hour

Velocity of wind, in miles per hour, as determined by various formulæ.

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2.5 5.0 10.0 15.0 20.0 25.0 35.0 40.0 50.0 70.0	2.82 5.36 10.30 15.04 19.57 23.90 28.04 *31.97 35.70 42.56 48.62 53.87 61.97	2. 72 5. 07 9. 65 14. 01 18. 14 22. 05 25. 72 29. 17 32. 40 38. 18 43. 04 47. 00 52. 21	1.04 1.06 1.07 1.07 1.08 1.08 1.09 1.10 1.11 1.13	2. 57 4.68 8. 88 13. 09 17. 31 21. 51 25. 71 29. 93 34. 14 42. 56 50. 98 59. 39 76. 23	2.74 5.12 9.56 13.77 17.85 21.82 25.52 33.33 40.76 48.03 55.19 69.22	+ .07 32 - 1.12 - 2.69 - 3.49 - 4.29 - 5.07 - 5.86 - 7.44 - 9.02 - 10.61 - 13.77	+ 0.24 + 0.12 - 0.44 - 1.23 - 2.18 - 4.28 - 5.45 - 9.24 - 11.97 - 14.81 - 20.78	+ 0.22 + 0.07 - 0.35 - 0.99 - 1.86 - 2.95 - 4.28 - 5.83 - 7.60 - 11.82 - 16.90 - 12.30 - 23.00 - 37.79	

· Highest velocity experimentally observed.

The first column gives velocities computed by the long-used "Robinson fac-The first column gives velocities computed by the long-used computed by a quadratic equation obtained directly from whirling machine experiments. Column c gives the results from this equation when adjusted to open air conditions. The column headed  $b \div c$  shows how much the original values from the whirling machine experiments have been changed to adjust to open air conditions. The next two columns contain results by different equations, all purely empirical. The last three columns contain corrections in miles per hour by which wind velocities computed to the Robinson factor can be reduced to those given by the other equations.

No experiments have been made beyond thirty-two miles per hour, and none of the formulæ can be safely depended upon for more than forty miles

Formula c fits the experiments, so far as they go, far more closely than any other, but its mathematical form is such that values by it at points beyond the experiments are extremely doubtful.

Though formula e does not fit experiments very well, values at high veloci-

Though to have a decision of the state of th will give a very close approximation to correct wind velocities, and the last column contains the corrections, in miles per hour, to be applied to past records to reduce the velocities computed by the Robinson factor to the more correct values. If velocities beyond thirty-five miles per hour are corrected at all, it is believed better to use the corrections in the next to the last column. It is not believed advisable to apply corrections to observed velocities higher than forty miles per hour.

Formula c is recommended for the Signal Service anemometer for all velocities up to thirty-five miles per hour.

I have already pointed out a noticeable error in computing mean wind velocities by such a formula as c when the observations embrace a great range of velocities. For example, if the total movement of the anemometer during twenty-four hours be used to reduce a mean hourly velocity the result will, unless the wind velocity has been almost constant, be noticeably different from unless the wind velocity has been almost constant, be noticeably different from that obtained by taking the mean of the twenty-four hourly velocity. This arises from the fact that in the twenty-four hour mean the square of the mean velocity of the centres of the cups is used in the formula, while in the case of the mean twenty-four hourly velocities the mean of the square of the cup velocities is used. It is scarcely necessary to say that the latter is the more correct. Much valuable information as to the action of the anemometer, not only at high relacities but also when subjected to violently fluctuating winds in the contract of the cup velocities in the same of the s

high velocities, but also when subjected to violently fluctuating winds, is yet to be gained from carefully conducted whirling machine experiments, provided they can be carried on under favorable conditions such as obtained in those already made at low velocities.

Meteorological record of Army post surgeons, voluntary, and other co-operating observers, January, 1890.

Stations.	Temperature. (Fahrenheit.)			ip'n.	Stations.	Temperature. (Fahrenheit.)			- i.d	
	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Precip'n.		Max.	Mio.	Mean	Precip'n.	
Alabama.		۰	o	Ins.	Arkansas.		٥		Ins.	
Bermuda *†	80	26	59.0	0.15	Arkansas City †	<b></b> .			7.12	
Butler	76	26	58.0	2.19	Camden †			1	7.57	
Citronelle	84	26	63.1	1.51	Conway	77	22	49.8	6.13	
Columbiana †	74	25	56.6	4.41	Dardanelle				6.49	
Decatur (1) †				3.28	Forrest City 7	78	24	53.4	7.65	
Decatur(2)†	. <b></b>			4.47	Fultont				7.81	
Double Springs	74	22	53.8	5.75	Harrisburgh	75	18	48.0	7.22	
Elkmont1	75	17	50.2	3.60	Heber	76	19	47.7	5.74	
Evergreen †				1.07	Helena (1)†				10.13	
Fayette C. H. †	73	24	52.5	4.60	Hot Springs	75	18	51.3	6.39	
Gadsden †	76	27	51.0		Huntington	73	28	52.5	4.20	
Greensborough †	76	31	57.0	3.42	Lead Hill	81	11	45.6	7.37	
Livingston (1)	78	27	57.2	1.67	Little Rock B'ks	77	21	51.5	9.72	
Mt. Vernon B'ks	81	25	61.6		Lonoke	76	23	53.7	8.25	
Pine Applet			• • • • • • •	1.37	Newport(1)t	• • • • •			8.24	
Tuscumbia (1)	75	23	51.4	6.33	Ozone †	69	13	45.2	9.46	
Vailey Head t	72	22	49.6	3.91	Pine Bluff†	76	22	54.7	5.08	
Wiggins	81	26	60.9	1.07	Stuttgart t	78	20	50.7	7.64	
Alaska.	_		i	!	Texarkana †	8o	20	54.7	4-35	
Juneau	38	- 4	17.4	3.22	Washington t	78	21	56.2	9.2[	
Arizona.					Winslow*t	66	10	39.9	5.26	
Ash Springs		26	44.0	2.13	Alcatraz Island	ا ء۔	1		ا ہے ا	
Cooley's Springs			•••••	3.20	Anderson	56	33	44.5	10.66	
Dragoon				1.28	Angel Island	50	14	38.2	10.56	
Dos Cabezos			27.0	2.17	Benicia Barracks	58 60	29	44· I	6.95	
Fort Apache	68	9	37·9 45·0	0.78	Berkeley	58	27	42.8	7.35	
Fort Bowie	73	19	45.4	1.58	Centreville	67	31	43.7	11.16	
Fort Huachuca	62	11	42. I	1.50	Colegrove		34	48.3	7.18 6.75	
Fort Lowell	86	20	40.8	2.00	Delta	56	4	28.3	0.80	
Fort McDowell	82	24	48.9	0.87			4	-	6.30	
Fort Mojave	74	26	44.0	2.80				41.0	22.17	
Fort Verde	71	17	41.0	1.37	Fort Bidwell	42	-20	18.0	7.45	
Gila Bend*	68	34	50.6	0.00	Fort Gaston	52	27	38.2	18.29	
Holbrook	66	23	33.7	0.60	Fort Mason	63	35	45.5	8.20	
Lochiel *	75	12	44.3	3.06	Georgetown	50	18		19.90	
				4.00	Grass Valley			33.4	18.01	
Sachse's Ranch				i - 54	Hydesville †	53	24	39-4	17.31	
San Carlos		16	46.5	2.10	lowa Hill*	50	22	34.9	20.87	
Strawberry †				3.35	Jolon		22	39.4	6.58	
Teviston				3·35 3·80	Juliant	66	24	41.6	6.12	
Tucson (1)†	76	24	47.8	1.27	La Grange *	58	27	42.3	5-17	
Walnut Ranch				1.77	Lewis Creek	66 I	26	42.0	5.02	
Willow Springs	ا ا			2.98		62	28	44.4	3.11	

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- B.	Meteorological record of voluntary observers, &c.—Continued.									
	Stations.	Temperature (Fahrenheit.			i, ë	Stations.	Temperature. (Fahrenheit.)			į
n -		Max.	Min.	Mean	Precip'n.	Stations.	Max.	Min.	Mean	Precip'n.
y	California—Cont'd. Los Gatos (2)	•	•	•	Ins.	Florida.		0	0	Ins.
)	Mendocino National City	60	30	49.8	. 12.41	Alvat	87 87 86	47 50 37	67.0 66.6	0.36 0.24 0.18
l s	Oakland ( 1 ) *	67	31	44-4	6.83	Fort Barrancas	79 81	36 46	65.3 63.8 62.4	0.69
	Pasadena	60 66	30 26	46.3	4 . 28	Lake City †	89	37 40	65.1	0.08
у Э	Sacramento(1) Salinas (1)*	58 58d	21 30g	38·4 45·2	7·44 6·19	Manatee †	70	44 51	68.0 64.8	0.73
	Salinas (1)* San Diego B'ks Santa Barbara (1) Santa Clara *	64 62	34 34 29	51.2 48.4 45.6	1.98 5.32 7.02	Merritt's Island † Ocala * St. Francis B'ks	8í 81	56 45	63.4	0.56
•	Santa Maria Steeles	62	29 32	45.6 45.7	7.02 6.45	Tallahassee Villa City †*	79 79 83	43 34	64.6 60.1 66.9	0.32 0.78 0.26
e 1.	Stockton(1) Susanville † Upper Mattole	1	- 8		4.99	Georgia.		5 <sup>2</sup> 38	60.5	0.97
t	Vacaville (1)	50	27 30	23.9 43.8 42.8	33.40	Allapaha Andersonville h Athens (1)	79 98 72	29	63.5	2.90
t e	Walnut Creek Willow (1)†	50	27 26	44.2 41.1	7·77 3·53	Athons(2) †	72	26 34	51.3 62.4	2.52 0.39
l	Colorado.	62	- 2	29.0	0.40	Camilla* Diamond * Forsyth * Fort McPherson	80 80	30	50·7 55·9	4.55
r	Arayo	08	8 11	27.5	0.20 0.08 1.90	Gillsville  Hephzibah  Jesup †	75 74	36 30	52.0 53.2 56.2	3.41 2.55
	Agate	72 84	18 26	35.2	0.70	Jesup †	73	32 	49.9	0.09 T. 3.25
1				27.5	0.30	Marietta† Milledgeville*† Millen	77 82	28 26	53.5	1.75
9	Canon City Cheyenne Wells	69 60	- I	33·4 27·5	0.46	Point Peter	• • • • •	30 26	51·1 50·4	1.97
3	Byers	40 60	—10 —18	11.4	0.30	Woolley's Ford	79 72	36 26	60.5	0.42
3	Delta †	56 70	5	27.9	0.80	Boisé Barracks	51	—I2	21.5	1.70
1	Eagle Farm				0.20	Fort Sherman		-22 -19 - 9	11.9 18.8 25.3	6.56 4.81 0.42
ſ -	Fort Colling	70	0 —13	28.5	0.05	Soda Springs †	41	-31	12.4	3.05
	Fort Crawford	E0.	- 6 -17	24.7 27.6 20.4	0.56 5.20	Atwood	66 60	- 8	31.9	14.62
t	Fort Lewis Fort Logan Fraser*1	73	- 7 -27	28.6	0.13 1.40	Beardstown†	61	- 7	29.6	3.24
	Fruita	52 51	-17 - 8	20.8	0.87 0.35 0.89	Belvidere	46	— 2 — 8	32·8 26·8	2.91
	Glenwood Springs. Greeley Gunnison	55 65	8 39	24.2 22.8 4.5	0.10	Centralia Collinsville Dwight East Peoria	70 70	7 6 - 8	38.7	6.00
-	Hardin Hugo Husted		10	29.3	81.0  .	East Peoria	66 72	0	31.7 35.4 39.5	4·59 3·12 10·06
	Husted	65 55	- 7 - 9	28. I 26. 5	0.09		58 60	- <sup>5</sup> - 4	29.3 32.4	2.68 6.00
	Lamar	75	- º	26.6 33.0	0.05	Grand Towert	72 		43.2	9.01
	Leadville Longmont g Magnolia Monte Vista Moraine	73 45	- 4 10 13	30.0 14.8 24.1	0.20 0.42 0.35	Greenville	73 62	- 3 - 2 - 5	37.4	9.61 3.31 2.05
	Magnolia Monte Vista	59 55	- 3 -20	27·4 18·0	0.50	Jordans Grove*	74	s 	39.5	8.4I 8.12
	I allitel Mano	48 58	- 3 4	24.7 28.4	0.81	Lake Forest	59 60	- 3 - 7	30.9	
3	Parachute	41	—ı ı	15.2	0.84	Lanark *Louisville	48 72	-11 4	23.0 37.9	2.76 8.30
?	River Bend Rocky Ford San Luis Ex.Sta		-10	30.2	0.34	Martinsville Mascoutah*	70 74	7 4 8		6. 19
	Sedgwick T. S. Ranch		—16  — 4	21.1	0.10 0.05 0.55	McLeansborough Mount Carmel †	74 70		42.2	7.12 8.77 7.21
	ThonVilas	54 62	— 4 	27.4	0.07	Olney Oswego • Ottawat	56 59	- 6 - 2	39.5 28.3 32.2	2.44
1	Villa Grove Watkins Westcliffe		3	29.7	1.30	Pana Pekin Peoria (1)*†	70 66	- 6 - 4	38.7 33.8	11.65
	Wigwam Montezuma Valley	56	—11 ···:;·	27.3	0.12	l'eoria (2)	66	- 2 - 4	32.8	3·47 2·89 2·80
l	Peyton		—11· <i>l</i>	28.8	T.	Pontiac	67 64	- 4	35. I 32. 0	6.35 4.18
	Birmingham	61	6		2.48 2.47	Riley	53 56 57	-10 -10 - 7 - 2	25.6 26.3 28.8	2.65 2.81 3.06
	Clark's Falls Colchester	62	70	34.0	3. 14	Sandwich *	63 56	- 2   2	30.5	2.99
	Falls Village Fort Trumbull	62	13	37 • 4	2.53 2.63	South Evanston		- 8	27.2	1.71 1.64
	Hartford (1) Hartford (2) Lebanon			32.8	3.02	Warsaw †	64 i	- 2	33·3 26·6	4 · 79
١	Mansfield Meriden	61 l	7	32.0 34.0	2.99 2.66		58 66	7 4	35.9	3.85
ı	Middletown New Britain	62	11	33.7	2.84	Woodstock	50 52	-13	26.3	3·39 3·07
l	New Hartford (1)*.	54 60	3 12	23.6 34.0	2.25 2.48 1.26	Angola	64	6	34·9 42·1	3·91 7·28
	Southington *		12	33.3	2.15 2.55	Cannelton	70	7 12	40.7	7·29 7·16
	Thompson Uncasville Voluntown*		6	30.2	3.67	Columbus	63 68	3 10	34.0 40.1	6. 19 7. 51
-	Wallingford Waterbury			35.0	3.14 3.25 2.54	De Gonia Springs	68 65 70	4 2 16	34.9	5.97 2.80
1	West Simsbury		•••••	3	2.38	Evansville†	63 -	- ı	43·7 33·6	5.82 5.59 6.01
L	Kirkwood	••••	18	37.9	••••	Farmland	70	4 7 18	39. 2 38. 5 44. 2	6-57 8-09
	Washington B'ks	73 '	15	44.0"	0.42	Huntingburgh	70 1	18 1	44.3 1	1.90